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In order to determine how forced laborers are treated in Soviet statistics, we should like to obtain information on the following points:

1. When an enterprise subordinate to one of the regular industrial ministries obtains a part of its labor force through contract with the MVD for the use of prisoners, how are such workers treated in enterprise reports? More specifically, (1) Does the figure for total number of workers in the enterprise techpromfin plan include the number of prisoners which the enterprise plans to secure from the MVD? (2) Is the number of prisoners included in the monthly or annual labor reports submitted by the enterprise to its ministry? (3) Please supply any additional detail concerning the way in which prisoner labor is treated in enterprise accounts and reports.
2. Please supply any information concerning the contractual arrangements between an enterprise and the MVD concerning the supplying of prison labor to the enterprise. More specifically, (1) Is the enterprise billed for the costs of transporting the prisoners to the work place? (2) Are the necessary guards supplied by the MVD and if so, is the enterprise billed for the costs of furnishing these guards? (3) Does the enterprise pay the MVD for the work performed by the prisoners at the same wage rates that are regularly paid to free workers of the enterprise doing comparable work? If not, on what basis is prison labor paid for?
3. Please furnish any information in as much detail as possible with respect to the kinds of reports that are submitted by the MVD to Moscow concerning the contracting out of prison labor to enterprises.
4. Are arrangements for obtaining prison labor for a given enterprise handled by the ministry to which the enterprise is subordinate? If so, what department in the ministry performs this function?

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